

Minutes

Arkansas State Board of Optometry

Special Board Meeting at the Victory Building

Public Hearing on Act 579

October 29, 2020

Slated for 8:30 a.m., all members were in attendance at the appointed time. the Public Hearing began late because the assigned court reporter failed to appear. Dr. Bryant Ashley, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m. with all board members present. Others in attendance were Dr. Howard Flippin, Board Executive Director; Ms. Bonita Wineman, Board Assistant; Mr. Kevin O'Dwyer, Board Attorney; Mr. Matt Gilmore, AR Department of Health; Ms. Lacey Kirchner, Attorney General Counsel; Ms. Vicki Farmer, Arkansas Optometric Association, Executive Director; Ms. Debbie Henley, ArOA Executive Assistant; Dr. Allison Hall, ArOA.

Mr. O'Dwyer read into the record a statement that all Public Notices had been advertised as is required by law. He also noted the absence of the court reporter and his effort to contact her. Further, he stated that no members of the public notified the Board that they would attend and speak at the hearing. No members of the public attended the meeting with intent to address the Board.

Dr. Hennessey made a motion to adopt the rules for Act 579 be adopted as written. Dr. Ford made a second. The motion passed.

Dr. Hennessey made a motion that per diem and travel be paid to board members for this meeting. Mr. White made a second. The motion passed.

The next Board meeting will be November 19th at 1:30 p.m. in Room 902 of the Freeway Medical Building. That will be the last meeting for 2020.

Dr. Hennessey made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Gentry made a second. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Dr. Bryant Ashley, President

Dr. Dan Hennessey, Secretary/Treasurer